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1. In accordance with reference (a), the COMFITAEEWWINGPAC Command History for 1984 is hereby submitted.


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COMFITAEEWWINGPAC HISTORY AND MISSION OBJECTIVE

The Commander, Fighter Airborne Early Warning Wing, U. S. Pacific Fleet (COMFITAEEWWINGPAC) is headquartered at Naval Air Station Miramar, near San Diego, California.

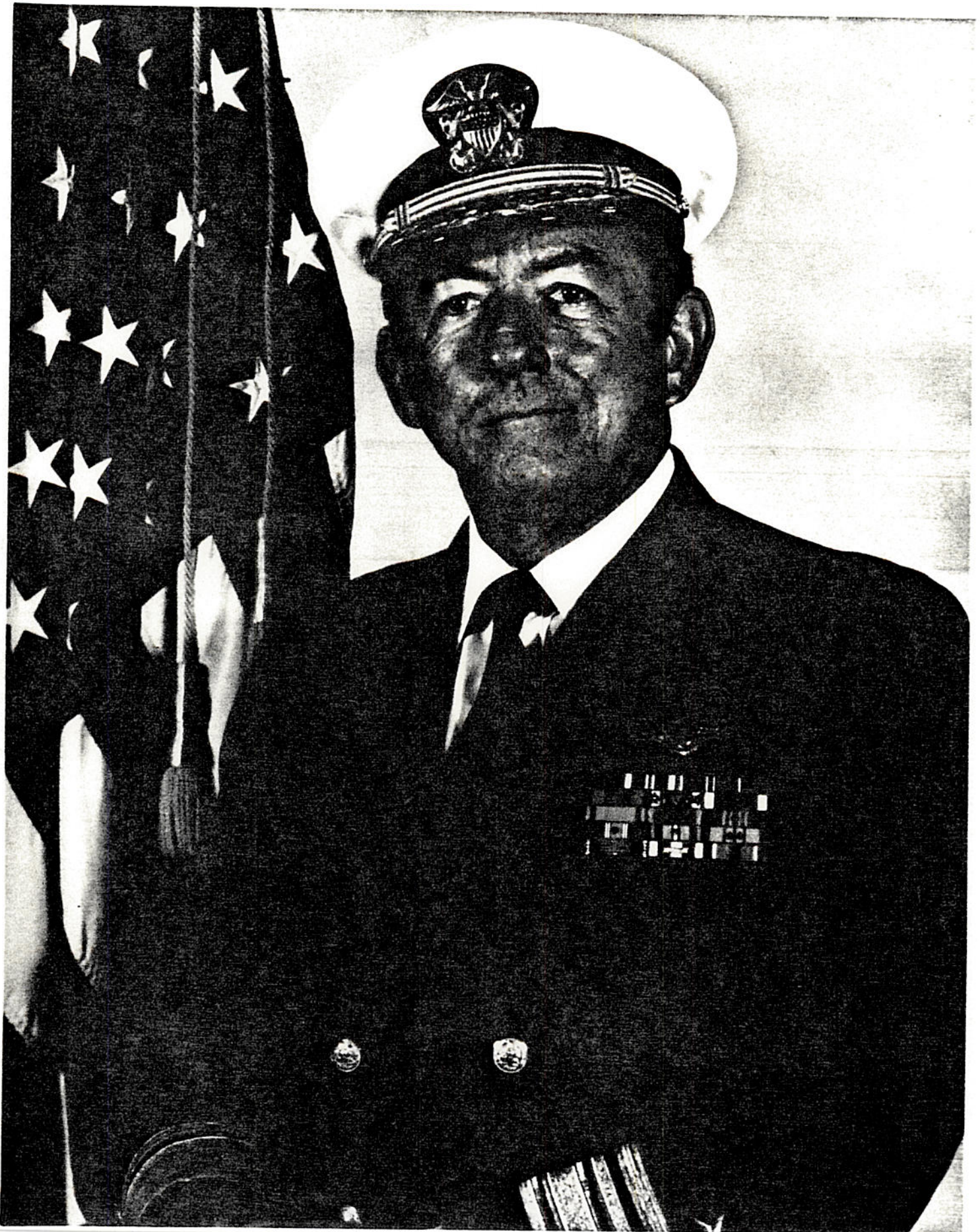
It was originally established in July 1956 as Commander Fleet Air Miramar, a functional commander of Pacific Fleet fighter units and a subordinate of the Commander, Naval Air Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet (COMNAVAIRPAC).

It was reorganized in July 1973 to include the Airborne Early Warning Wing (VAW) aircraft community.

The missions of COMFITAEEWWINGPAC are to indoctrinate and train fleet replacement pilots, Naval Flight Officers, and maintenance personnel in the operation and maintenance of fighter and airborne early warning specialties and to ensure the operational readiness of supply and support functions.

COMFITAEEWWINGPAC has thirty subordinate units which include: Four Carrier Air Wing Staffs; two fleet replacement squadrons, one A-4/T-2 adversary squadron, ten F-14 Tomcat squadrons, two F-4 Phantom squadrons, six E-2 squadrons, the Navy Fighter Weapons School, one Air Test and Evaluation squadron, one Fleet Composite Squadron, one Naval Air Station, and one Naval Air Facility.

RAOM Thomas Joseph Cassidy, JR
(Orig. Filed Biographies)



REAR ADMIRAL THOMAS JOSEPH CASSIDY, JR., U. S. NAVY

Rear Admiral Thomas Joseph Cassidy, Jr., U. S. Navy, was commissioned an Ensign and designated a Naval Aviator in May 1953.

Prior to assuming command of the Fighter/Airborne Early Warning Wing, U. S. Pacific Fleet, RADM Cassidy was Director, Tactical Readiness Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Other recent tours have included Chief of Naval Operations Liaison Officer for Naval Matters to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Head of the Aircraft and Weapons Requirements Branch, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Miramar and Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans on the staff of the Commander Attack Carrier Striking Force Seventh Fleet, during the evacuation of South Vietnam and the SS Mayaguez recovery.

During his career RADM Cassidy has served numerous tours in fighter squadrons in both the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets and was Commanding Officer of Fighter Squadron 161 during combat in Vietnam. He has also served on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations as Air-to-Air Weapons Coordinator, head of the fighter roles section of Navy Fighter Study III during the development of the F-14, on the Navy's vertical take-off and landing study and lightweight fighter study which preceded F/A-18 development. Other tours have included Air Test and Evaluation Squadron FOUR, where he was Chief Projects Officer and Executive Officer; Aircraft Handling Officer on USS ORISKANY during Southeast Asia combat operations, Navy Project Officer on several joint service aviation projects, a flight instructor in the Instructor Training Unit in the Naval Air Training Command, and as exchange pilot/weapons instructor with the U. S. Air Force.

RADM Cassidy has accumulated in excess of 5,000 flight hours in numerous U. S. and foreign aircraft. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" (five awards), and the Air Medal (seven awards).

RADM Cassidy is married to the former (b) (6)
The Cassidy's have a daughter (b) (6) and a son, (b) (6)

CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS

JANUARY

- 1 Reconnaissance Film Library established at CFAWP Intelligence Support Center.
- 6-13 E-2C support of the Tomahawk Cruise Missile RDT&E Program.
- 9-11 CFAWP hosted COMTHIRDFLT Maritime Air Superiority Symposium.
- 10-13 CFAWP conducts Hey Rube 84-2.
- 13 VAW-116 first to deploy with five E-2C aircraft.
- 13 VF-1 and VF-2 first West coast fighter squadrons to deploy with Television Camera System (TCS).
- 17-21 E-2C support of National Narcotics Border Interdiction System (NNBIS).
- 18 VF-114 F-14A aircraft crashed on CCA final due to fuel starvation, crew ejected, no injuries.
- 23 E-2C support of the Tomahawk Cruise Missile RDT&E Program.
- 26 VAW-114 Change of Command. CDR Covington relieved by CDR Broadhurst.

FEBRUARY

- 6-7 TAC D&E shop attended PACFLT TAC D&E Conference at Naval Post Graduate School.
- 10 Completed Phase I IWSR of Fighter Squadron FIVE ONE and ONE ONE ONE.
- 10-12 READIEX 84-2
- 13 VAW-115 Change of Command. CDR Richardson relieved by CDR Herzberg.
- 13-17 E-2C support of the Tomahawk Cruise Missile RDT&E Program.
- 21-23 Attended a Computer Advancement Review Board in Washington, DC to discuss status of new ATSS systems, old and present problems.

22-28 First operational evaluation of E-2 AN/ALQ-108 system by CFAWP mobile test van at NAS Fallon, Robert E. Wilson Range.

28 VF-114/213 No-Notice Missile Exercise.

28 CVW-9 Fly-in completing WESTPAC/I.O. deployment on USS RANGER.

28 CFAWP forwarded smooth of MAS Symposium report to COMTHIRDFLT.

29-2 MAR CFAWP and CLAWP conducted portion of TAC D&E Project Air FZ0030-1 "Tactics for Integration of FA-18 into the Outer Air Battle at WEPTAC, NWC China Lake.

MARCH

1 VAW-113 E-2C transition complete.

3 CVW-15 Fallon weapons deployment.

3-5 CVW-11 ORE

7 E-2 support of the Tomahawk Cruise Missile RDT&E Program.

7-9 Conventional Weapons Technical Proficiency Inspection (CWTPI) for VF-213.

9 Completed Phase I IWSR of VF-114/213.

9 CFAWP forwarded smooth draft of TACMEMO AZ 3011-1-84 "Battleship Management for Long Range Anti-Air Warfare" to COMTHIRDFLT for publication.

12-14 CWTPI for VF-51/111.

13-16 E-2C support of NNBS.

15 CFAWP begins management of program providing dedicated EWTES range training for COMNAVAIRPAC aviation units.

19-31 READIEX 84-3 CFAWP coordinated Orange Air raids.

20 VF-24/211 No-Notice Missile Exercise.

23 Completed IWSR VF-124/154/21, completed IWSR VAW-110.

26 CWTPI VF-301.

29-30 Post-Cruise Inspection of VF-24.

30 VAW-112 support of SECNAV ACM flight from China Lake.
30-31 E-2C support of Tomahawk Cruise Missile RDT&E Program.

APRIL

2 VF-161 F-4 bridal separated from A/C on cat stroke; crew ejected, one fatal.
3-4 Post-Cruise Inspection of VF-211.
5-6 Post-Cruise Inspection of VAW-112.
7 E-2C support of the Tomahawk Cruise Missile RDT&E Program.
8 E-2C support of NORAD exercise AMALGAM CHIEF.
9-13 CFAWP continued prosecution of TAC D&E project FZ 0030-1 with CLAWP at WEPTAC, NWC China Lake.
12 A Memorandum of Understanding with the San Diego County Public Works Department was signed facilitating emergency aerial photography in the event of a natural disaster.
12 CWTPI VF-302.
12 VAW-112 Change of Command. CDR Dufresne relieved by CDR Hannifin.
12-13 Command Inspection of VF-111.
12-15 E-2C support of the Tomahawk Cruise Missile RDT&E Program.
13 E-2C support of the Tomahawk Cruise Missile RDT&E Program.
17-18 Command Inspection VAW-113.
23-25 CWTPI of VF-124.
24-25 Command Inspection of VF-51.
24 CFAWP initiates F-14 and E-2 squadron ECCM COMPLEX for all FITAEWWINGPAC units.
27 Completed IWSR of VAW-117.

MAY

2 VF-21/154 Stand-Up complete transition from F-4N to F-14 aircraft.

4 VAW-117 Change of Command. CDR Highfill relieved by CDR Allen.

5-6 NAS Miramar Air Show.

8-10 CWTPI of VF-151/161.

8 Completed Phase II IWSR VF-51/111.

8-11 E-2C support of NNBIS.

9-10 Command Inspection VF-21.

11-13 CFAWP presented multi-media video display at "Fly Navy West".

16 VAW-112 support of the Marine Air Weapons and Tactics School (MAWTS-1-WTI)

16-17 Pre-Cruise Inspection of VF-21.

17 VF-51/111 No-Notice Missile Shoot.

20 The Maintenance Training Improvement Program Team was established. The MTIP provides a means to identify specific knowledge deficiencies in F-14 and E-2 maintenance technicians. Once such deficiencies in technical expertise are pinpointed, concentration of training resources can correct them. MTIP provides tailored training continuum with minimal impact on an activity's maintenance and operations.

21-25 CFAWP and OP 955 conducted tactical refinement of "Chainsaw" and "Sawtooth" extended range fighter/AEW tactics at WEPTAC, NWC China Lake.

22-23 Pre-Cruise Inspection VF-114.

24-25 Pre-Cruise Inspection VF-213.

25 Completed IWSR of VAW-114.

25 VAW-110 Change of Command. CAPT Hood relieved by CDR Gohmann.

30 CVW-11 deploy embarked USS ENTERPRISE.

JUNE

5-6 Hosted demonstration of AN/APM-464 MODE IV IFF test set for CNAP/NAVELEX

8-12 E-2C support to the NNBIS.

10-15 VAW-112 support to the Canadian Fighter Weapons School, Coldlake, Canada.

12 Attended TACTS/ACMI display enhancement meeting. Reviewed display development progress - Cubic.

13 Hosted meeting NAVAIRSYSCOM, CNAP, NTEC, CFAWP, and VF-124 to develop statement of work for F-14 training system improvement contract.

18-20 Command Inspection of VAW-112.

19 E-2C support to the Tomahawk Cruise Missile RDT&E Program.

20 VF-24/211 No-Notice Missile Exercise.

22 CWTPI of VF-2.

25-29 Hosted F-14 simulator planning conference at NAS Miramar. Discussed F-14 simulators plans to upgrade trainers and F-14 training.

26 VAW-113 Change of Command. CDR Chiprany relieved by CDR Place.

26-27 Command Inspection VF-24.

28-13 JUL CFAWP coordinated Orange Air raids for READIEX 84-4.

JULY

6 Completed Phase I IWSR of VF-21/154.

17-19 CWTPI of VF-24.

23-27 CFAWP orchestrated operations in support of COMTHIRDFLT intertype TAC D&E project to integrate use of inorganic sensors in the Outer Air Battle.

26 VF-24 No-Notice Missile Exercise.

26 NAS Miramar SPN-42 certified by NATC, Patuxent River for automatic carrier landings.

26-27 Post-Cruise Inspections of Vf-1/2 and VAW-116.

26-30 Hey Rube 84-3.

31 F-14A aircraft granted flight clearance for MODE 1/1A automatic carrier landings.

AUGUST

1 CFAWP forwarded smooth draft of TACMEMO AZ 0030-1-84 "Outer Air Battle Tactics for F/A-18 Equipped Air Wings" (jointly authorized with CFAWP) to COMTHIRDFLT for publication.

1 CVW-2 fly-in completing first WESTPAC/I.O. deployment with five E-2C aircraft embarked on USS KITTY HAWK.

1 Commenced the development and installation of the enhanced tactical air-to-ground (ETAG) program.

2 VF-24/211 No-Notice Missile Exercise.

2-3 Command Inspection of VF-154.

3 Completed IWSR of VF-151/161 and VAW-115 in Atsugi, Japan.

3-9 E-2C support of the NNBIS.

7-8 Command Inspection of VF-211.

8 VF-213 F-14 failed to return from area fam in P.I.; crew ejected, two fatal.

8 VX-4 F-4 aircraft hit mountain crew ejected, one fatal.

10 READIEX 84-4.

13-16 CVW-14 ORE.

20-24 Validation of CVW-14 Outer Air Battle TACPRO TAC D&E Project Air AZ 3032-2S.

20-24 KY-58 secure voice communications certified by NATC Patuxent River in CVW-14 F-14/E-2 aircraft.

21-22 E-2C support of NORAD exercise AMALGAM CHIEF.

24 Attended TACTS display enhancement meeting - Cubic reviewed display development progress.

28 CWTPI VF-1.

SEPTEMBER

2 VAW-112 support of RED FLAG exercise at Nellis AFB, NV.

4 VF-211 F-14 fire in W-291; crew ejected, no injuries.

4-14 CVW-14 Fallon weapons deployment.

6 Command Inspection VAW-115.

7 Congressman George Darden Visit.

7 Command Inspection VF-151.

7 Completed IWSR of VAW-113.

8 Command Inspection VF-161.

10-12 CWTPI of VF-211.

11 VF-2 won 1984 Pacific Fleet TARPS Trophy.

11-14 Attended Computer Advancement Review Board in Oceana, VA to discuss ATSS Phase II.

13-14 Pre-Cruise Inspection of VAW-114.

14 Completed Phase II IWSR VF-21/154.

17 Attended C-2A Training Planning Conference at NAS Miramar.

17-21 Validation of CVW-15 Outer Air Battle TACPRO TAC D&E Project Air AZ 3032-2S.

18 VF-21/154 No-Notice Missile Exercise.

20 Major General Nabil (Egyptian Air Force) Visit.

21 NFWS F-5 Spin on TACTS range; pilot ejected, no injuries.

24-28 TAC D&E chaired MAS Committee at F-14 Tactical Manual Review Conference at VX-4, NAS Point Mugu, CA.

24 CWTPI of VF-21.

26 CWTPI of VF-154.

OCTOBER

1 Prepared a paper entitled "The Missing Link in Operational Training System Design" for the 6th Interservice/Industry Training Equipment Conference held in Washington D.C. 22-24 October.

2-3 Pre-Cruise Inspection of VF-51.

3 Published COMFITAEEWINGPAC 1540.1A outlining the MTIP.

4-5 Pre-Cruise Inspection of VF-111.

5 Attended TACTS display enhancement meeting - Cubic.

10-11 Attended TACTS Review Meeting - NAS Fallon - Review display development progress.

10-31 E-2C support of MAWTS1-WTI.

11-17 Hey Rube 85-1.

12-15 CVW-14 participated in San Francisco's Fleet Week.

13 VF-301 first Reserve Squadron to transition to F-14 aircraft.

15-19 Attended F-14 Simulator Planning Conference at NAS Oceana.

15 Naval Staff College Visit.

16-24 FLEETEX 85-1.

16-17 Command Inspection VF-126.

18 Naval Warfare Orientation Course for Industry Visit.

18 CVW-15 commence WESTPAC/I.O. deployment embarked on USS CARL VINSON.

18-21 E-2C support of the NNBIS.

21 VF-51/111 first F-14 squadrons to deploy with improved TF-30P414A engines.

24 Attended TACTS Display Meeting - Cubic.

24 Roger Harding, British Counselor of Defense Supply Visit.

26 CFAWP conducted briefings on Outer Air Battle tactics and Hey Rube for National Security Industrial Association.

26 Completed Phase I IWSR of VF-21/154.

29 Attended TACTS Display Meeting - Cubic.

NOVEMBER

1 MIA Medal Ceremony - Congressmen Lowery and Bates in attendance.

6 Mr. Sassa, Director General of the Defense Facilities Administration Agency for the Government of Japan Visit.

10 E-2C support of the Tomahawk Cruise Missile RDT&E Program.

13 Congresswoman Beverly Byron Visit.

13-14 Command Inspection VF-2.

14-17 CVW-5 ORE.

15 VF-151/161 No-Notice Missile Exercise.

18-21 E-2C support of the NNBIS.

20-21 Command Inspection VF-1.

26-30 TAC D&E participated in F/A-18 Tactical Manual Review Conference at VX-4, NAS Point Mugu, CA.

DECEMBER

1-4 CVW-9 Fallon weapons deployment.

3 Attended F-14 Critical Design Review in Binghamton, NY to freeze the near term improvement design of the 2F112. However, the Navy did not freeze the design because of too many discrepancies on Singer Links proposed trainer configurations.

3 VF-21 No-Notice Missile Inspection.

8 California Highway Patrol Safety Patrol Tour.

9-13 TARPS imagery successfully dropped from an S-3 aircraft to provide updated intelligence to ground forces during KERNEL USHER Exercise.

10 Congressional Staff Delegate Paul Magliocchetti Visit.

10-12	Command Inspection VC-1.
14	Completed Phase I IWSR of VF-1/2.
18	Published COMFITAEEWINGPAC 1510.1 concerning enlisted maintenance training jacket procedures.
18-21	E-2C support of the NNBIS.
19	CVW-11 Fly-in completing WESTPAC/I.O. deployment embarked on USS ENTERPRISE.
26	Long-Range Optical Photography (LOROP) capability added to the F-14/TARPS System.
31	Calendar year Foreign Object Damage to aircraft engines reduced by 10 engines over 1983 figures.
31	Completed 1355 missions and 6378 sorties on the TACTS range.

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT SUMMARY REPORT

18 JAN	VF-114	Aircraft crashed on CCA final due to fuel starvation; crew ejected, no injuries.
02 APR	VF-161	Bridal separated from aircraft on cat stroke; crew ejected, one fatal.
08 AUG	VF-213	Aircraft failed to return from area fam in P.I.; crew ejected, two fatal.
08 AUG	VX-4	Aircraft hit mountain; crew ejected, one fatal.
04 SEP	VF-211	Aircraft fire in W-291; crew ejected, no injuries.
21 SEP	NFWS	Spin on TACTS range; pilot ejected, no injuries.

SUBORDINATE UNITS AND HOMEPORTS

NAS Miramar, San Diego, CA

- NAS Miramar
- CVW-2 (USS RANGER/CV-61)
- CVW-11 (USS ENTERPRISE/CVN-65)
- CVW-14 (USS CONSTELLATION/CV-64)
- CVW-15 (USS CARL VINSON/CVN-70)
- VF-124 F-14 FRS
- VAW-110 E-2 FRS
- VF-126 A-4, T-2 Adversary squadron
- NFWS F-5, F-4

VF-1	F-14	VAW-112	E-2C
VF-2	F-14 (TARPS)	VAW-113	E-2C
VF-21	F-14	VAW-114	E-2C
VF-24	F-14	VAW-116	E-2C
VF-51	F-14	VAW-117	E-2C
VF-111	F-14 (TARPS)		
VF-114	F-14		
VF-154	F-14		
VF-211	F-14 (TARPS)		
VF-213	F-14 (TARPS)		

NAF El Centro, CA

Naval Station Yokosuka, Japan (USS MIDWAY/CV-41)

VF-151	F-4S
VF-161	F-4S
VAW-115	E-2B

NAS Barbers Point, HI

VC-1 TA-4J, SH-3G, VC-118, P-3

NAS Point Mugu, CA

VX-4 F-14, F-4, F/A-18, T-2